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Anthrax shots resume under emergency use authorization

by Senior Airman
Amy Robinson

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

Air Force officials have resumed the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program on a voluntary basis for its members under an emergency use authorization (EUA) issued by the Food and Drug Administration.

Based upon the implementing message sent to all major commands May 20, base commanders are to resume the vaccination program under the specific EUA guidelines. Among those guidelines, individuals who are eligible to receive the vaccination may accept or refuse the shots.

The program will continue until the EUA expires July 27. The status of the program is subject to review after that date.

According to the AVIP Web site, www.anthrax.mil, the EUA ensures people at risk, including military members, have the best medical countermeasures available to protect them against chemical biological and radiological threats.

"The emergency use authorization was sought by the Department of Defense as anthrax remains a potential threat to our forces," said Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Russell J. Kilpatrick, ACC command surgeon. "Vaccination is the most effective measure we have for preventing anthrax and overcoming the threat it presents."

Under EUA guidelines, all military personnel, emergency essential civilians and mission-essential contractors assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility or the Korean peninsula for 15 or more

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Take precautions: prevent inadvertent transmission

by Capt. Janet West
49th Medical Group

As the 49th Fighter Wing approaches the next major deployment cycle, many Airmen will get the smallpox vaccination. After getting the vaccination, there are some precautions that not only the member must take, but the family members must take as well.

The smallpox vaccine is made from live vaccinia virus which protects against the disease smallpox. This vaccine does not contain the virus that causes smallpox, but instead uses a virus which was originally derived from a form of cowpox. The vaccinia virus begins reproducing at the site

of vaccination approximately two to five days after vaccination. Unlike most vaccinations which are injected into the layer of fat on the body or into the muscle, the smallpox vaccination is placed on the skin of the upper arm. This causes a "pox" sore on the arm. The live virus in this sore may be transmitted unintentionally to others.

This is the most common, but avoidable, complication surrounding this vaccination. Inadvertent transfer from a vaccination site to a second location on a person or close contact occurs most often in the home. During the 1960s, when this vaccine was given universally, the rate of accidentally transfer-

ring it was only two to six people per 100,000.

Typically, these accidental sores will follow the same course as the vaccination site. The recipient of the unintended transmission will develop immunity to smallpox as if they had received the vaccination.

Inadvertent transmission may be prevented by avoiding touching or scratching the site from the time of vaccination until the scab falls off two to three weeks later. Additionally, the most critical step in preventing accidental transmission is vigilant handwashing after touching the site or changing the dressing, using soap and warm water or hand rubs with over 60

percent alcohol.

Young children and those with open skin sores, cuts, cracked skin, etc., are at highest risk for unintended transmission. To prevent transmission during skin-to-skin contact with non-vaccinated individuals such as playing contact sports, wrestling with the kids or having close contact with a spouse, the vaccination site should be covered with gauze or a band aid and a long sleeve shirt. Covering with a shirt sleeve is sufficient for casual contact such as at work or the grocery store.

Following these precautions will greatly reduce the risk of accidentally passing the vac-

cinia virus to others. Once again, smallpox is not transmitted at any time during the vaccination process.

For questions concerning the smallpox vaccination, contact the 49th Medical Group Public Health Office at 572-3306 or 572-1859.

On the side

Tips for preventing transmission during skin-to-skin contact:

- The vaccination site should be covered with gauze or a band aid and a long sleeve shirt. Covering with a shirt sleeve is sufficient for casual contact such as at work or at the grocery store.

Holloman Hotline


572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander.


If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.




- Housing office2-3981
- Housing maintenance2-7901
- Medical clinic2-5991
- Finance2-5107
- Services2-3528
- Commissary2-5127
- Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
- BX479-6164




High: 92
Low: 60
TODAY



High: 92
Low: 62
SATURDAY



High: 90
Low: 62
SUNDAY



High: 94
Low: 64
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **14**
DUIs this year **16**
This week last year **23**

Last six DUIs

- 49 CS Feb. 14
- 49 CES Feb. 22
- GAF March 7
- 49 CES April 17
- 49 OSS May 6
- 49 MMSS May 27

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved
625 Saves this year
27 Saves this week



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SARC:

Preventing and protecting victims of sexual assault

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst copy editor

Holloman will implement a new Air Force program Tuesday to prevent and respond to victims of sexual assault anytime, day or night.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is a newly created position implemented throughout the Department of Defense aimed at preventing sexual assault through education.

Ms. Leslie Joseph, 49th Fighter Wing SARC, said another element of the position is 24/7 response to victims of sexual assault and providing support through the entire ordeal.

"This support includes the new DoD option of restricted reporting of sexual assault, which gives the victim the option to start an investigation

or not," Ms. Joseph said. "A common barrier to persons reporting in the military is the fear that many people will know. This hopefully will allow more people to come forward."

Last year, more than 1,700 sexual assaults were reported throughout the military, Ms. Joseph said.

"Experts believe this is only the surface of those that actually occur," she said.

The SARC will be conducting training on the program and the new DoD definition of sexual assault through numerous avenues such as PME courses, commanders' calls and newcomer briefings.

"The goal is to provide preventive education with an open dialogue on this serious subject," Ms. Joseph said.

SARCs will be available at home or deployed locations.

According to Ms. Joseph, the Sexual Assault Response program is all about the victim.

"Ultimately we want to make sure the victims are treated with dignity and respect and get the care they need," Ms. Joseph said.

On the side:

A new position at Holloman, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, is aimed at preventing sexual assault and domestic violence through education. The SARC also provides support and guidance for victims of sexual assault.

Ms. Joseph is available to victims 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 572-6789 or leslie.joseph@holloman.af.mil.

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consecutive days will be offered the vaccine. People with orders to deploy to these locations can receive vaccinations up to two months before departure. Units with bio-defense or other special missions are also eligible to receive the vaccination.

Personnel will stop receiving shots when they leave those locations or cease responsibilities in other included mission areas.

Under the EUA, commanders must provide members both education on the anthrax program and an option to refuse the vaccination without penalty. Refusing the vaccine will not affect the individual's deployment status.

Although there are no disciplinary repercussions for those who choose not to receive the vaccination, the command surgeon strongly recommends vac-

cination for those at higher risk.

The vaccine has been licensed by the FDA for more than 35 years as a safe and effective method of preventing this deadly disease.

"Anthrax is a deadly biological weapon that represents a real and present danger to U.S. military personnel," General Kilpatrick said. "Fortunately, we have reliable protective measures against the threat of weaponized anthrax. The vaccine is a key part of those measures."

Since March 1998, more than 1.3 million people have received more than 5.2 million doses of the vaccine under AVIP.

Anthrax can be deadly. In the fall of 2001, attacks with anthrax spores in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Miami led to the deaths of five people.

FAQ: Anthrax

Editor's note: Information taken from Airman magazine.

Q. Why are we getting this vaccine?

A. Anthrax is a lethal weapon we may encounter. Vaccination before exposure is a critical part of our protection against this weapon. No country has ever used anthrax as a weapon. However, several countries are believed to have incorporated anthrax as a biological warfare agent in weapons. The threat of biological warfare remains a constant risk to U.S. forces.

Q. What are some of the side effects from taking this vaccine?

A. The temporary side effects observed from the anthrax vaccine are similar in number and severity to those seen with flu and typhoid vaccinations. For example, mild discomfort can occur at the inoculation site or low-grade fevers may develop.

Dehydration: symptoms and how to avoid

by **Capt. Vikki Thompson**

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Recently, the media has introduced information about how much water we need to stay hydrated. Much of this information is confusing and different from what we commonly thought to be true.

For example, does the body actually require eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day? Does caffeine cause you to lose water? Is urine a good indication of dehydration? Now that summer is here, it's important to ask the question about what is required to stay hydrated. This is not only to ensure peak performance, but also to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion, heat stroke or worse.

It has always been thought that eight glasses of water would keep you fully hydrated, but do we really need eight and if so, from what sources? Obviously, fruits and vegetables contain water, and fluids like sodas, coffee and tea increase

fluid intake, but to say that we need less than 64 ounces a day because we eat a lot of fruits and vegetables may not be the case.

Remember Holloman is hot this time of year, so we actually need to increase our water and fluid intake above the eight a day, along with fruits and vegetables.

It's hard to put a specific number on how many ounces you need, but there are some signs to let you know how well hydrated you are. The symptoms of dehydration are many, including thirst, headache, dizziness, nausea and weakness. All of which can impact performance tremendously. However, by the time these symptoms show themselves, you are already behind the power curve.

A good gauge for daily intake is nine glasses for women and 12 glasses for men.

The choice of fluids has also been brought into question. Do coffee, tea and sodas containing caffeine hydrate you as well as water?

It has been understood that caffeine is a diuretic, a substance that increases urine production, but again, research is throwing us another curve.

A study published in the American College of Nutrition in 2000 showed just the opposite. The results revealed that the body didn't differentiate between caffeinated versus non-caffeinated beverages when it came to hydration. So, does this give us free reign to drink 15 cups of coffee a day? Probably not.

Until more research is done, it is best to take the middle road. If you consume caffeinated beverages, be mindful of the amount. Not only because of possible dehydration effects, but also because caffeine is a stimulant and too much can impact your ability to perform.

Finally, this brings up the question about urine color. We already know that dark urine indicates dehydration, but did you know that certain medications can directly affect urine color. It is important to check with your Primary Care Manager to determine if any of your medications may make urine darker or change the color altogether. If so, be vigilant about noticing other dehydration symptoms that may pop up.

With the 101+ Critical Days of Summer in full swing, don't let dehydration put you at increased risk for accidents. Stay hydrated.

Editor's note: This article was submitted by the 49th Medical Group.



Det. 10 Airman set volunteer trend

Team Holloman members committed to community service

by **Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden**
*49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs*

Several Team Holloman members volunteered nine hours of their time to support the United Way’s National Day of Caring in September. Since then, eight Det. 10, 372nd Training Squadron Airmen have been inspired to tackle other projects at a local school.

Det. 10 has made a long-term commitment to the Father James B. Hay Catholic School in Alamogordo, said Master Sergeant Eric Pitts, Det. 10 volunteer.

“We’ll always be here when they need us,” he said.

Tech. Sgt. Alan Riney, another volunteer, said Det. 10 Airmen have repaired playground equipment, painted the school convent and taken part in school landscaping

projects, including the placement of seven tons of river rock.

They began volunteering their time to the school in support of the United Way’s Day of Caring, a day designed to encourage individuals to obtain hands-on experience as volunteers with local non-profit organizations.

Since September, the school’s third grade class has recognized and befriended Det. 10 for their ongoing efforts.

They make gifts for us during the holidays and invite us to lunch at the school cafeteria to show their appreciation, said Sergeant Riney.

Sergeant Pitts said the school’s principal, Ms. Clare Riker, requested assistance in painting the school and Det. 10 was willing and eager to help.

According to Ms. Riker, these projects couldn’t be accomplished without Det. 10 unless tuition were raised.

“Their labor cannot be measured in terms of dollars,” she said.

“Holloman shows exceptional commitment to strengthening our community and making it a better place to live.”

Tech. Sgt. Alan Riney
volunteer

While Sergeant Riney said volunteer work teaches new skills and develops leadership abilities, most of his sat-

isfaction comes from knowing he’s made a difference in someone’s life.

“Holloman shows exceptional commitment to strengthening our community and making it a better place to live,” he said.

Sergeant Pitts said personal pride motivates Det 10. to give back to the community, saying “Alamogordo is our home and we are here to help.”

Det. 10 Airmen set a wonderful example for the students here, said Ms. Riker. “The student see how helping others can be very fulfilling and are thrilled with the improvement to their school,” she said. “The Air Force is vital to Alamogordo, and Det. 10’s tireless energy is astounding and appreciated.”

By participating in this project, Det. 10 Airmen are

also assisting Ramon Acevado, a local Boy Scout, earn his Eagle Scout badge. According to Ms. Riker, Mr. Acevado attended the school as a child and decided to paint the entire exterior of the school as a way to give back to his home community.

On the side

For Team Holloman members interested in volunteering in the local community here are opportunities:

Special Olympics: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bradway, 572-3152

Alamogordo Meals on Wheels: Ms. Magdalena Morales or Ms. Zyra Serna, 439-4150

Habitat for Humanity: Mr. Norm Daviess, 349-2119



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from May 23 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued four tickets: one for exhibition of power, one for no registration, one for no insurance and one for failure to stop.

Property loss, damage or theft

May 31: An Airman reported a bicycle valuing \$180 was stolen from building 517. It was last seen May 30.

May 31: A civilian reported her Verizon Wireless cell phone was stolen from building 588. The suspect is a white male, approximately 40 years old and six feet tall.

June 2: An Airman reported damage to government property in the parking lot of building 330. A light pole was knocked over.

June 3: A civilian reported a minor accident between a government-owned vehicle and a fixed object on West Stapp Road. The GOV failed to observe a fixed pole while backing up.

June 3: An Airman reported his laundry was stolen from the laundry room in building 341.

June 3: An Airman reported a minor accident between two privately-owned vehicles in the parking lot of building 15. The Airman failed to observe the second POV while backing up.

June 3: An Airman reported damage to his privately-owned vehicle by another Airman in the parking lot of building 457.

June 3: An NCO reported

damage to government property on Taos Loop. A window was damaged.

June 3: A senior NCO on patrol reported an Airman was assaulted and government property was damaged at building 214.

June 6: There was a major accident between two POVs at the intersection of First Street and Delaware Avenue. The first POV failed to observe the second while attempting to make a right turn at the intersection and struck the second POV.

Patrol response

June 2: An officer reported a verbal altercation at building 1079. A civilian verbally threatened another civilian.

June 3: An NCO's spouse reported seeing two unidentified individuals attempt to enter a home on Eglin Ave. through a rear window. The residents of the home are on leave.

June 3: An NCO reported he found bruises on his child's back which may have been inflicted by the NCO's spouse who resides off base.

June 6: An Airman reported he was assaulted by an NCO on the running path on 49er Road.

June 6: An Airman's dependent reported a domestic disturbance between his parents on Boeing Avenue.

Civil arrest

June 3: An NCO was arrested by the Omaha Police department for carrying a concealed weapon and open container. The NCO is currently being held while awaiting a court date.

Happy Birthday, U.S. Army

ACROSS

- 1. TV commercials
- 4. Prone to doing
- 7. Tire track
- 10. Mow
- 11. By way of
- 12. Continent home to Camp Humphreys
- 14. Margarine
- 15. Football stat
- 16. Close
- 17. Pair
- 18. Question opener, “what ___ _ ...”
- 20. Slogan
- 22. Motel units, in short
- 24. GWB’s party’s committee, in short
- 25. Long’s globe opposite
- 26. Hurricane center
- 27. Good-to-go
- 28. Greek letter
- 29. Type of a/v interference
- 30. Soldier’s break from a combat zone, in short
- 31. ___ Lanka
- 32. Op or Dada
- 33. Anchor
- 35. Color
- 36. Wearing wood down by grit paper

- 40. USA org. for women, once
- 43. Leg joint
- 44. Overseas post address
- 45. Resistance measurement
- 48. NASA project for Mars, in short
- 51. Distant
- 52. Nationwide radio station, in short
- 53. ___ vs. Wade
- 54. 3 to Caesar
- 55. Cash machine
- 56. Mil. pay during a PCS
- 57. Northern MN city airport code
- 58. USA NCO
- 59. Fed. cryptology org.
- 60. Engine need
- 61. Rounded
- 63. Capture
- 65. Hawaiian bird
- 67. Aged
- 68. Spring mon.
- 69. Angered
- 70. Homer’s neighbor
- 71. Settle
- 72. Lout

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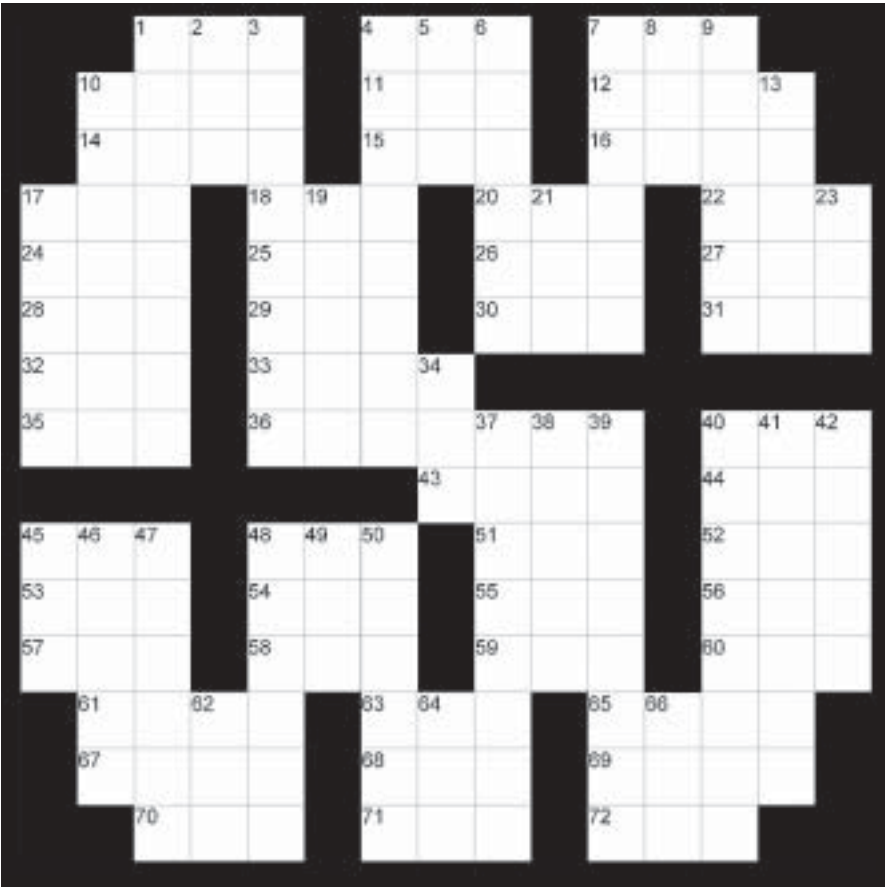
- 1. Divide up
- 2. Expire

- 3. Dark horse candidates who don’t win elections
- 4. USA Branch
- 5. Brooch
- 6. Torn cloth
- 7. USA Spec Ops person
- 8. Draw on
- 9. Crowns
- 10. USA code part
- 13. USA Branch
- 17. Be afraid
- 19. Pacific Island
- 21. Writer Rand
- 23. Downhill or cross-country
- 34. Memorex and Sony competitor
- 37. USA Branch
- 38. Bovines
- 39. Of Central European decent
- 40. With _____ brutality; was gratuitously cruel
- 41. Exploited
- 42. Reef type
- 45. USAF inspection
- 46. USA code, in part
- 47. 1961 Nobel Prize Calvin

- 48. Deceived
- 49. USA Soldiers, informally
- 50. USA Branch
- 62. Gorilla

- 64. Fed. Environmental concerns org.
- 66. Epoch

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by Capt. Donna R. LaPointe
Pediatric Clinic Staff Nurse

Sunny days are warm and wonderful for families to enjoy, but what feels good on your skin can be bad for you, your family and especially your infants.

It is important to protect babies and children from sunburn. An infant can't tell you when he is too hot or beginning to burn. Their skin is thinner and will burn more easily. It is up to parents to protect it.

Too much sun exposure can cause skin cancer, wrinkles, and cataracts of the eyes. Excessive sun exposure can also cause dehydration and fever in children and may lead to sun sickness and burns that can be devastating.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends infants under 6 months of age avoid sun exposure, wear lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, brimmed hats and apply sun-

screen to exposed skin.

Remember, sunburns can be very dangerous for children younger than one year. If your child is sunburned, contact your pediatrician or family practice physician.

Make sun protection a priority. Teach all family members how to protect their skin and have a great and safe summer.

For more information, call the pediatric clinic at 572-2778.

On the side

Protect your baby with these additional tips for fun in the sun:

- Choose a sunscreen made for children with a sun protection (SPF) of at least 15.
- Use hats and sunglasses to protect your child's head and eyes from the sun.
- Use shaded areas for your child's outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest.
- Give juice or water to your baby to replace lost fluids.

Child safety and welfare policy

AGE OF CHILD	CAN BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED AT HOME?	CAN BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED OVERNIGHT?	CAN BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED AT PLAYGROUND?	CAN BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED IN CAR?	CAN BABY-SIT SIBLING OR OTHER CHILD?	CAN BABY-SIT SIBLING OR OTHER CHILD OVERNIGHT?
Newborn – 5 Years	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
6 – 9 Years	NO	NO	NO (see Note 1)	NO	NO	NO
10 – 11 Years	YES (see Note 2)	NO	YES (see Note 2)	YES (see Note 3)	NO	NO
12 – 14 Years	YES (see Note 2)	NO	YES (see Note 2)	YES (see Note 3)	YES (see Note 4)	NO
15 Years	YES	YES (see Note 2)	YES	YES	YES (see Note 4)	NO
16 -17 Years	YES	YES (see Note 2)	YES	YES	YES (see Note 4)	YES (see Note 4)

Note 1: Can travel unsupervised to/from locations where the parent knows their child will have responsible adult supervision.

Note 2: Must have access to a responsible adult.

Note 3: Must have keys removed and access to a responsible adult.

Note 4: Must have access to a responsible adult and Red Cross Baby-Sitter Certification is strongly recommended.

Grand opening Heritage Center

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing welcomed a new addition to the base June 2 with the grand opening of the Heritage Center. The center, located behind Heritage Park on First Street, will be home to the complete history of Holloman, as well as the base Honor Guard.

Col. Andrew Papp, 49th Fighter Wing deputy commander, said Holloman has needed this facility for a long time for two reasons.

“The 49th FW has a long and very distinguished history and this place is the center to showcase that,” he said. “It is also a facility which will be well used by our outstanding Honor Guard, the centerpiece of what we are very proud of here.”

Colonel Papp said the joining of the Honor Guard and the historical section of the Heritage Center together into one building is very appropriate.

“It’s also appropriate that we have not only the history of the flying part of the 49th Fighter Wing, but we also have the Test Group’s history and we even have a small piece of German history,” he said. “So, we kind of have a flavor of the entire base here at the Heritage Center.”

Brig. Gen. Patrick Burns, Air Combat Command civil engineer, was present at the opening and explained how the project evolved.

“It grew out of an effort that I wanted my staff to do,” he said. “I wanted them to quit focusing on the sins of the past when we were doing environmental clean up and start looking at the needs of the future.”

“So, when we had a contaminated site, I wanted them to find out what someone wanted to use that site for and the clean up was part of the productive process to make that happen,” he said. “So, I set up four pilot programs to try it out.”

General Burns said Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, the former 49th Fighter Wing commander, presented the Heritage Center concept to him nearly two years ago. “It was actually an exciting concept



Photo by Mr. Ellis Neel

A scale model of BEAR Base, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, assets, built by Tech. Sgt. Robert Larson and Staff Sgt. Darren Hensley in 1987-88, is housed in the front room of the new Heritage Center here. The new building was opened June 2.

that was going to bring some things together more than just a structure or building, but what you see here today,” General Burns said. “It’s wonderful to be here at one of the four sites that we piloted and actually see it in action. It will be here for many, many years and it’ll be a great cornerstone for the history of the 49th Fighter Wing History.”

Mr. Dan Larsen, 49th Maintenance Group technical orders clerk and self-proclaimed history buff, said the memo-

rabilia inside the Heritage Center will cover the history of Holloman, going as far back as when it was created as the Alamogordo Army Airfield to the present.

“It will be here for many, many years and it’ll be a great cornerstone for the history of the 49th Fighter Wing History.”
Brig. Gen. Patrick Burns
Air Combat Command civil engineer

bilia at the Heritage Center to life. “This facility is a public service and is really great for the people,” he said. “The center can be used for so many things. It’s a very valuable asset to the

base. Holloman has a long and glorious history that we can really showcase at the Heritage Center.”

Tech. Sgt. Marty L. Haynes, the Holloman Honor Guard NCO in charge, has also contributed a lot to the development of the Heritage Center.

“I had the privilege of being able to work with the architects and give direct input into its design,” he said. “So, I feel that I can honestly say that I designed the facility with their help, rather than being given a facility with no input at all.”

He said the center is fantastic and it will give the Honor Guard a new and larger home, with room to expand their manning, and indoor space for all of the Honor Guard’s equipment.

The facility also boasts a large marching pad for drill practice.



Illustration by Ms. Laura Hunt



Photos by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

◀ Airman 1st Class John Prock cuts Radar Absorbent Material for application onto an F-117A Nighthawk. The 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Structural Maintenance Shop Material Application Repair Specialists are responsible for all of the low observable coatings on the F-117. The coatings make it harder for radar to see the aircraft.



▲ Senior Airman Robert Hughes applies an anti-corrosion coating of paint onto a part of the F-117. Along with their MARS duties, the Aircraft Structural Maintenance Shop also repairs cracks, prevents corrosion and maintains anything metal.



◀ Airman Damien Ferguson scrapes adhesive off of the wing of a F-117.

Housing FAQ

Q: I'm already living in base housing. Will I have to move out of my current unit once privatization is initiated?

A: Probably not. Once the privatization of family housing starts, the developer will have up to ten years to complete all new construction and renovation. Presently, the Housing Office is placing families in the newer units and not occupying the older units which are targeted for demolition. The continuation of this present philosophy will minimize the need for future moves. Once the privatization developer has been selected, July 2006, we will advise the Holloman family housing community on the specifics of the developer's phasing to incorporate the planned multi-year phased development and improvements.

Static displays

The monthly static displays of an F-117, a T-38 and a German Tornado from June to September will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at hangar 500 on the following dates: June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22. For more information, call 572-5406.

Asian Pacific Heritage

The following events will commemorate Asian Pacific Heritage Month:

- Luau Luncheon: noon to 2 p.m., today at the Community Center ballroom. The cost is \$8 and includes traditional Oriental food, beverage and entertainment. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Maj.) Phillip Llanos.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Larry McEntire at 572-3806 or Senior Airman Theresa Margallo at 572-3125.

June 3 Sunburst Correction

Mr. Bill Bagwell is the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University site director.

Message to troops

Video tape messages to send to troops overseas will be recorded from 4 to 8 p.m., July 1 in the Fitness and Sports Center, room 132. Messages will be approximately 1 to 3 minutes. Taping not limited



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Frady

Taking the lead

Col. Matt Adkins, 49th Medical Group commander, Lt. Col. Leslie Ness, former 49th Medical Support Squadron, and Lt. Col. James Clapsaddle, 49th Medical Support Squadron commander, stand at attention for the Posting of the Colors during the 49th MDSS change of command ceremony Monday. Colonel Ness went to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. and Colonel Clapsaddle came from Bowling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

to family members; all are encouraged to stop by and send a message or greeting to deployed members.

CAC

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The CAC also features the following videos today to Thursday:

- Welcome to Holloman: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Hidden Hazards in Your Home: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Safe Playgrounds for Everyone: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Independence Day Parade

The City of Alamogordo is having their annual Alamogordo Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m., July 4. The parade will honor Vietnam Veterans and their unforgettable sacrifices. All Vietnam Veterans

will be the parade marshals and are invited to participate in the parade. Anyone who is a Vietnam Veteran and/or knows a Vietnam Veteran who would like to be included in the parade, should call Ms. Susan Flores at 439-4250 or 491-4388. Anyone who would like to participate in the parade should call 439-4142. by July 1.

Halo 2 Tournament

There is a Halo 2 Team Tournament at noon, June 25 in the Community Activities Center. Prizes will be given for the top three teams. Sign up by June 15 by calling Airman 1st Class Adam Boubede at 572-3636 or e-mail adam.boubede@holloman.af.mil.

Juneteenth Celebration

The Otero County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is holding its Juneteenth Celebration at 6 p.m., June 11 at Washington Park. There will be door prizes, food and entertainment. There will also be a prize drawing. For more information, call Mr. Virgil George at 572-3610 or Mr. Johnnie

Scott at 437-3888.

The African-American Heritage Association is holding its Juneteenth Food Festival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 16. Traditional food along with dessert and a beverage will be served for a donation of \$5. There will also be door prizes. For more information, call Capt. Vince King at 572-5406 or Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 572-5507.

The Alamogordo Public Library is holding its Juneteenth Program at 6:30 p.m., June 16. There will be various speakers providing information about how the Celebration got its start. For more information, call Ms. Peeler at 572-5507.

Fun Yak trip to Elephant Butte

There is an Elephant Butte River Float/Camp Trip June 16 to 17 for ages 9 to 18. They will travel to Elephant Butte, N.M. to camp, play in hot tubs and float down the river in oar rafts. Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members.

For more information, call the Youth and Teen Center at 572-3753.

BOn the
BIG SCREEN

The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (PG)
6 p.m., today and Sunday

The Interpreter (PG-13)
3 and 6 p.m., Saturday

Flickinger events

- Miss New Mexico Semi-Finals: 7 p.m., today. Tickets are \$15 and patron tickets are \$150 and \$130 (includes patron party, dinner, dancing at Las Ventanas Clubhouse and reserved seating both nights)
- Miss New Mexico Finals: 7 p.m., Saturday. Tickets are \$20.

• Tailgate at New Mexico Museum of Space History: 8 p.m. (gates open at 6:30 p.m.), Saturday. Steven Smith and Hard Road will perform. Walk-ups are \$5 per person, bring your lawn chair, snacks or dinner.

For more information, call 437-2202.

Cherry festival

The 2005 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 and 19 at the High Rolls Community Center. There will be local cherries, more than 60 arts/crafts vendors, food and drinks, local entertainment and children’s activities. Parking and admission are free.

For details, call (505) 682-1151 or go to www.highrollsfestivals.com.

Vet reunion

The Air Commando Association/Special Operations Veterans, from WWII to the present, Annual Reunion is Oct. 7 to 9 at Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

For more information, call (850) 581-0099, fax (850) 581-8988, e-mail aircommando@aol.com or web page <http://home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/>.

White Sands

Activities scheduled for June 10 to 18:

Sunset Stroll Nature Walk: 7 p.m., today to June 18; Evening Program, 8:30 p.m., today to Sunday and June 17 and 18.

Schedule is subject to change.

For more information, call 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599, extension 232.

Visit the park’s Web site at

www.nps.gov/whsa.

Spencer Theater

Kingston Trio: 8 p.m., June 19. Tickets are \$46 and \$49.

Jungle Book: 7 p.m., June 24. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.

Windsor Creek Trio and Fireworks: 6:30 p.m., July 4. Admission is \$28.

For more information, call 336-4800.

New York Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1C3X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3A&B, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2S0X2, 2T0X1, 2T2X1, 2T332B, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4N0X1, X4N0X1, 4A251, 6F051.

Palace Chase and Palace Front POC: Master Sgt. Reeves, 109 AW/DPR, 109aw@recruiting.goang.com; DSN 344-2457; (800) 524-5070; www.skibird.com.

Shooting Match

There is a High Power Rifle

Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range located at 19 Rock Cliff R., northeast of La Luz. Sign up 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public.

For more match information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663. For information about the Shooting Range, contact Range Master Jay Frost at 443-9006.

For a map, visit the Web site: opshooter.org.

Rocket launch

The 14th Annual Thunder in the Desert Model Rocket Launch is June 18 in Alamogordo.

For more information, visit the Web site www.alamorocketry.org.

Short plays

Black Box Theatre presents “33/66” at 8 p.m., today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at the No Strings Theatre Company, 430 N. Downtown Mall, Las Cruces. There will be 33 eclectic short plays in about 66 minutes. Admission is \$9; admission for students and seniors (over 65) is \$8.

For more information, call (505) 523-1223 or visit www.no-strings.org.

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Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

BEAR Base open house

The 49th Materiel Maintenance Group invites Holloman to come see the “BEAR Necessities” of deployed life June 17.

This event will showcase the life of military members in a deployed environment and offer the chance to

tour an actual “tent city.” Attendees will live the life of the Fightin’ 49ers and travel through sleeping quarters, shower facilities and even taste different selections from the dining tents.

For more information, call the Family Support Center at 572-7754 to R.S.V.P. by Wednesday. Limited seats are available.

Kiddie ID cards

Pass and ID issues out kiddie ID cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children age 10 and under.

For more information, call Mr. Samuel Rasche at 572-5920 or 572-5951.

HazMart giveaway

Paints and other items are available for free issue at the HazMart. The program allows authorized users access to a variety of hazardous chemical items free of charge.

To participate, your shop must be authorized for the item and the item must be in HazMart’s free issue area. No authorization is necessary for latex paint.

For details, call the HazMart at 572-7899, 572-3093 or 572-7608.

FSC

The FSC offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Community Education Issues Meeting: 9 to 11:30 a.m., Monday.
 - Pre-retirement Seminar: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday.
 - Thrift Savings Plan: 8 to 9 a.m., Thursday.
 - REDUX: 9 to 10 a.m., Thursday.
- For more information or to make reservations for an event, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Friday one week prior to the expected publication date. For consideration, submissions may be e-mailed to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil or brought to building 29, suite 2800. When sending submissions by e-mail, write “Sunburst submission” in the subject line.

Submissions to the *Sunburst* must

include: event title, date, time, place, a brief description of the event, the first and last names and ranks and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published in the *Sunburst*, and submissions run on a priority, space-available basis.

Environmental tip

Housing residents who are PCSing and have any paints, cleaners, solvents, weed killer, degreasers or any other hazardous materials that they need to get rid of (movers will not pack these items) can go by the Housing Self Help Center and drop them off.

- There are two simple rules:
1. The product must be in its original container.
 2. The Container must be at least one quarter full of the original

content.

This is a safe and economical way to dispose these items.

Additionally, these items are free issue, meaning that other housing residents can go by and pick up these supplies for their use.

This is a great way to protect the environment and save our fellow Airmen a few dollars!

Exception: Fuel and fuel/oil mixtures



When lightning strikes: be safe

Did you know New Mexico was ranked as the number one state for lightning deaths per million people? Do you know that lightning can strike 10 miles away from a storm? Or, did you know that lightning may still be in the area even though the skies have cleared? You may know the statistics and maybe you do know the dangers associated with lightning, but do you practice lightning safety?

Monsoon season is approaching and your education about the dangers of lightning and what precautions to take are vital for you and your family’s safety.

What is monsoon season?

A monsoon can be defined as a wind system that changes directions according to the season.

Here in New Mexico, monsoon season begins in May and June and is in full force by July. Typically, the winds shift from the west to the south-south east which brings in warm air and moisture over the southwestern states. Heat and moisture are a typical combination for the formation of thunderstorms.

Thunderstorms begin as the surface of the earth heats throughout the day and the air around it begins to rise. Any moisture in the air will lift and clouds will form and increase in height as the air continues to rise. Eventually, the cloud becomes latent with water and begins to fall when the rising heat can no longer hold the weight. This cool moist air falls through the cloud causing rain. More importantly, an upward flow and a downward flow within the

cloud could cause lightning and thunder to begin.

Thunderstorm Formation

There are positive and negative charges within the thunderstorm cloud. The positive charges are pushed upward, while the negative charges fall toward the bottom. These negative charges look for something to ground on. During a storm, the earth’s surface has a positive charge and grounding can occur through cloud-to-ground lightning. If you are not practicing lightning safety techniques, you could be the next lightning fatality.

(Editor’s note: Information submitted by the 49th Operation Support Squadron Weather Flight.)

What should you do? Here are some basic safety tips to keep you safe during the thunderstorm season:

1. Watch the skies. Thunderstorm clouds start small and grow. When you see clouds starting to form into large towers, employ safety measures and start to plan your evacuation.

2. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles away. If you can hear thunder, you are probably within 10 miles. If you haven’t taken shelter yet, take shelter immediately.

3. If you are in the water, get out and seek shelter immediately.

4. Seek shelter in a sturdy building or hardtop vehicle.

5. If the above shelter is not available, find shelter in a cave, ditch, or canyon. Stay away from any metal or telephone poles.

6. When indoors, do not take a bath or shower and do not use electrical appliances or phones. Stay away from anything that conducts electricity, even metal sinks and stoves.

7. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder before leaving shelter. Blue skies do not mean that the lightning threat is gone.

8. If you are caught in the open and lightning is nearby or if you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, the safest position to be in is crouched down on the balls of your feet. Do not allow your hands (or other body parts) to touch the ground, and keep your feet as close to one another as possible.

Aerobics schedule

Today

- Strength Fusion: 5:15 a.m.

- Aquatic Fitness: 9 a.m.
- Step: 11:30 a.m.
- Cycle: noon
- Step: 4:30 p.m.
- Hip Hop Dance: 5:30 p.m.
- Cycle: 5:45 p.m.
- Kuk Sool Won: 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Step: 9 a.m.
- Latin Cardio: 10 a.m.
- Hip Hop Dance: 11:30 a.m.

Monday

- Cardio Kick: 5:15 a.m.
- Stroller Aerobics: 8:30 a.m.
- Aquatic Fitness: 9 a.m.
- Cycle: noon
- Yoga: 4:40 p.m.
- Step: 5:30 p.m.
- Kuk Sool Won: 7 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. A full schedule of classes is available at

[www.hollomanservices.com/
Fitness Center /
fitnesscenter.html](http://www.hollomanservices.com/FitnessCenter/fitnesscenter.html).

the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.

Indoor pool schedule

- Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday and holidays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.
- Sunday: closed

Pool policy

- Swimming is permitted only when a lifeguard is on duty.
- No diving allowed.
- Food, beverage and glass containers are prohibited in the pool area.
- Proper swimming attire must be worn.
- Water shoes must be worn on the aquatic treadmill.
- Lifeguards may clear the pool at any time in the interest of safety.

For more information, call

Lady Falcons

The Holloman Lady Falcons took fourth place in a Ruidoso tournament June 4 to 5.

Game ball winners:

First game: Lakendra Jordan went 3 for 6, scored twice, three RBI's and a double.

Second game: Megan Hansbrough with two put outs at the plate and threw one out at third.

Monday: The Falcons won one of their two games.

Game ball winners:

Sara Trickett going 2 for 4, scoring twice and turning one double play. Also, Aidee Covarrubias going 2 for 2, scoring twice and four RBI's to include a base clearing double to tie the game.



Photo by Senior Airman Erik Somppi

The contender

Airman 1st Class Mario Garcia, 49 CES, punches a speed bag during his workout at the Holloman Fitness and Sports Center. The fitness center is open 5 a.m. to midnight, Monday to Thursday; 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., holidays.

Holloman Nighthawks remain take down Los Tainos 17-6 UNDEFEATED



Photos by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Gary Pierce, Nighthawk third basemen, prepares to make a tag on a Los Tainos player for the third out of the inning during their 17 to 6 win over Los Tainos Monday in Alamogordo.



David Hamilton makes a catch in left field during the Nighthawks' 17 to 6 win over Los Tainos Monday.



Arlie Hatch connects with a pitch for a base hit Monday night against Los Tainos. The Nighthawks are undefeated.



◀ Nighthawk pitcher Joseph Noya delivers a strike during the base team's 17 to 6 win over Los Tainos Monday in Alamogordo. The win over Los Tainos contributed to the Nighthawks perfect record of 5-0 in Alamogordo play.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa Stevens

BEAR Base wins

Gregory Kaltenborn prepares to make a throw to first base during 49th Materiel Maintenance Group B 21 to 13 win over the 49th Maintenance/Avionics team Tuesday at Vandenburg field.

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Large unit		Large Unit		
May 25		Team	Win	Loss
Vandenburg softball field		49 CES B	4	0
49 MMG A 25, 49 CES A 20		49 CES A	4	2
		49 MDG A	3	2
		49 MMG A	3	2
Johnson softball field		49 LRS A	3	2
49 MDG A 24, 49 SFS 18		49 MXS/AMMO	1	4
		49 SFS	1	5
		49 MXG	0	2
		(Current as of June 8)		
Small unit		Small Unit		
May 31		Team	Win	Loss
Vandenburg softball field		49 SVS	7	0
49 FW/MSS 26, 49 MXS/MXMT 8		49 MXS/AVIONICS	6	2
49 MMG B 21, 49 MXS/AVIONICS 13		46 TG	5	2
49 MXS/MXMT 17, 49 CS B 16		49 FW/MSS	5	3
		4 SPCS	5	3
		49 CS	5	3
		49 OSS	4	4
		49 MXS/MXMT	4	4
Johnson softball field		49 MMG B	3	3
49 CS 17, 46 TG 16		49 MDG B	3	5
4 SPCS 18, 49 CES C 2		49 CES C	2	6
4 SPCS 17, 49 MDG B 2		49 CS B	1	5
49 OSS 17, 49 MDG B 7		9 FS49 CES C	1	6
		Lady Nighthawks	0	5
		(Current as of June 8)		